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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The California State Journal of Medicine will hereafter take the place of the Annual Volume of Transactions of the Medical Society of the State of California. **PURPOSE OF THE STATE JOURNAL.** The Journal will be sent free to every member of the State Society and will be issued monthly. All communications should be addressed to the "Editor of the Journal," 31 Post street, San Francisco. In addition to the official reports of the annual meetings of the State Society, and the papers and discussions of the scientific section, the Journal will publish a limited number of original articles, reports of county societies and such other matter as may be of interest.

The advertising pages of the Journal will be limited in number and will be open only to advertising matter which complies with the strictly ethical standard that is so well understood by all, yet so frequently forgotten—when there is a financial reason to forget.

The Journal will not be responsible for the statements or ideas put forth in the original communications, scientific papers or discussions which it may print. It will not publish for any consideration matter of the "reading notice" sort, nor will it permit any "original article" infected with the bacillus of this disease to appear in its pages knowingly or wittingly.

The Journal will be the partisan of no one and nothing, save only and always an energetic partisan for honest, legitimate, ethical practice of the regular profession, for truth and right, and, first, last and all the time, for ORGANIZATION, and again ORGANIZATION, of the regular profession of California into a united body—the State Society.

In reluctantly taking up the task of starting the California State Journal of Medicine, at the request of the Board of Trustees of the State Society, the editor bespeaks the friendly aid and assistance of every member of the State Society and of every regular practitioner of California, who should be a member of the State Society, if he is not. The work at hand to be done is

great; yet it can be easily done if the professional men of California will stand by their State, their State Society and their State Society's Journal. The "right hand of the continent," the best and the most richly endowed strip of country in these United States—God's country—should have a united medical profession and a big and powerful State Medical Society. It can have and it will have such a united profession and such a society, working for the right and for scientific truth, for honesty of purpose, and for the betterment of the practice of medicine, if each one will do his own little to help along the one much-desired end. Help a little; help a little more; and then help again.

The Medical Society of the State of California, at its meeting in 1901, decided to adopt the reorganization scheme suggested by the American Medical Association, and on motion a committee was appointed to formulate a new constitution and by-laws. At the meeting of 1902 the constitution and by-laws prepared by this committee were formally adopted; they were then printed, and a copy was sent by the secretary to each member of the State Society. Under the new plan of organization county medical societies that affiliate with the State Society become members of the State Society and the members of such county societies become members of the State Society *ipso facto*. The annual dues to the State Society are now paid by the county societies, and the amount for the present year has been fixed at one dollar for each member. The full amount, together with a correct list of the officers and members, and the delegates to the Legislative Branch of the State Society, must be sent by the secretary of the County Society to the secretary of the State Society at least one week before the date of the annual meeting.

The attention of the regular practitioners of the State is earnestly called to the following extracts from the new by-laws:

Article XIV, Section 1. "Each county medical society now existing, or which may hereafter be organized, that shall elect to become affiliated with the Medical Society of the State of California shall transmit to the secretary of the said State Society a copy of its by-laws and rules, with the names of officers and members, and as soon as the report is returned approved by the Judicial Council the society will thereafter be recognized as an affiliated society and authorized to elect delegates to the Legislative Branch of this society." (One delegate for every fifty of its members, and one for any additional fraction of that number; each society having less than fifty members shall be entitled to one delegate.)